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TITLE OF INVENTION: DISK DRIVE EMPLOYING A DISK WITH A PRISTINE AREA FOR STORING ENCRYPTED DATA ACCESSIBLE ONLY BY TRUSTED DEVICES OR CLIENTS TO FACILITATE SECURE NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS

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2. Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (1 page)

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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